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- In this Ordinance.
- "Cash" means any coins or notes current in the Colony.
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- (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (2) of this section, no person shall sell any intoxicating liquor for consumption on or at any licensed premises except for cash.
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(c) any sale in accordance with the conditions of his licence by the holder of a restaurant adjacent licence.
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- Every person to whom any liquor is, to the knowledge of such person, supplied in contravention of this Ordinance shall also be guilty of an offence against this Ordinance.

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WALTER J. HAWKER,
SECRETARY.

Hongkong, 15th August, 1923.

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

While it is true that the Belgian railway workers are showing a more conciliatory spirit, reports that they have resumed work are unfounded.

The capture of a sturgeon weighing 220 pounds, one of the largest ever landed in this section of the St. Lawrence, is reported from Ogden's Island, where a fisherman named Leclair brought it ashore.

According to Mr. Samuel Gompers, European Labour unions must drop "isms" dogmas, which have no proper place in the trade union movement, if they wish to co-operate with American Labour.

Until the Chinese Government have restored peace and order in the country the Banking Consortium have decided to give no further loans. The Government urge that their impotence and the consequent anarchy are due to their impunctuality.

According to the *Corriere d'Italia* the two portraits of the Pope which Pius XI. gave to the King and Queen of England were executed by a young man, stated to be of English nationality. Some time ago the Pope received the nun, and he was enchanted with her art, which critics describe as of very high order.

Great interest has been created in London, and much excitement in Paris, by the reports of the suggestion of the Belgian Government in favour of the resumption of full consultations between all the Allies, to be followed by collective Inter-Allied action, when Germany submits her amended reparations offer.

Despatches from Allahabad state that Turbat-Haddari has been evacuated by the inhabitants, as after the earthquake, the buildings are no longer safe. One village eight miles south of this town, comprising 500 houses, was completely destroyed, not one person escaping. It is estimated that between 3,000 and 4,000 persons were killed.

Before the Rome Assize Court the trial was commenced of the six prisoners charged in connection with the shooting affray at Viterbo, on July 12, 1921, when the Countess Beckett-Czerzyn was wounded, her young son killed, and another son injured. The trial recalls the turbulent scenes witnessed in the struggle between the Fascisti and the Communists.

In the Central Provinces a recrudescence of the revolutionary flag agitation is recorded. It is assuming proportions virtually amounting to civil disobedience on a considerable scale.

New York bricklayers, who are receiving £2 for an eight hour day, have struck work as their demand for £2 8s per day has not been conceded. This is the first serious labour dispute of the season.

The Admiralty have sold part of the sunken German fleet at Scapa Flow to Mr. A. G. McBain, chartered accountant, of Glasgow, acting on behalf of a company which proposes to salvage the vessels and break them up.

An open cheque for £100, properly drawn by a well-known man on the Charing Cross branch of Williams Deacons Bank, was picked up in Westminster and deposited by the honest finder at the nearest police station.

M. Millerand delivered an important speech, in which he dealt with the question of German reparations, and declared that Germany would pay what she owed to France. He recalled the precedent set by Germany in 1870.

British delegates to the Convention of Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, which meets at Atlantic City, New Jersey, arrived in New York, and were given a great reception by the advertising men of the United States.

Never has Niagara district seen such a wealth of cherries as this year, particularly the later varieties. Orchards of the Niagara district are red with the desirable fruit, but a comparatively low price is being received for the fruit on the local markets this year.

Delegates to the International Congress of Dancing Masters, now in session at Paris, are showing marked opposition to those dances of American origin which have had so long an innings. Mile. Henriette Renier, of the Opera submitted four new dances, which it is suggested should take the place of the fox-trot, one-step, java, and tango.

M. Poincaré has submitted to the British Government his objections to the recent Anglo-Swiss deal in connection with the Anatolian railways. It is believed that he does not challenge the genuine Swiss ownership of the interests transferred to the British group, but invokes the spirit of the Sevres Treaty and Tripartite Agreement to claim a third share for France in the undertaking.

A little girl, Ivy Margaret Bowley, of Chiswick, who fell into a bath of hot water which her mother had placed on the floor, died in Chiswick Hospital.

Ten thousand barrels of jam pulp were destroyed in the fire at Messrs. Tickle's jam factory at Southall, Middlesex. No reason for the catastrophe could be discovered.

The question of the free passage of the Kiel Canal by foreign ships will be considered by the League Court, which shortly resumes its sittings at The Hague. Some time ago it was denied by the Germans to certain Allied vessels.

"The scum of Galata quayside" is the description applied to the mob which attacked the Greek Patriarch's place in Constantinople, and assaulted the Patriarch. Turkish police were called in but did nothing. The Patriarch was rescued by French and Italian gendarmes, who dispersed the mob.

In Sicily a new but nondescript organisation, called the "Soldino," has been established in opposition to the Fascisti. Reports that the society is an emanation of the Sicilian "Mafia" are not correct. During his tour of the country Signor Mussolini will visit Sicily with a view to giving a new impetus to the formation of Fascisti groups.

Close observers of the political situation in India view it with some uneasiness. There is the possibility of the victory of Mr. Das and his followers at the forthcoming elections. The prospects of a survival of the reformed Constitution for any considerable time after the elections is not bright.

Seamen and firemen aboard foreign steamships at New York have passed resolutions endorsing the threat of their fellow workers at Havre to strike unless the French ships leaving for the United States after June 9 carried the two litres of wine to which the men are entitled under the French maritime law.

On the ground that the Government, by unwarranted and discreditable inflation of the currency, has deliberately destroyed the value of American investments in property in Germany, the Association of American Holders of Foreign Securities has filed with the Mixed Claims Commission a plea that the rights of American nationals be protected.

Deputy Gentile, the Liberal Minister of Public Instruction in Signor Mussolini's Cabinet, has joined the Fascisti party, and in a letter to the Premier, says: "Although a Liberal with profound convictions, I have become convinced that the only true Liberalism today is represented by your principles, which return to those of the glorious days of our Risorgimento."

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUG. 24, 1923.

LIBERALISM.

The conditions of Government at Home and the state of the different political parties affect us here almost in the same degree as if our domicile was in the old Country and our more immediate thoughts centered on those who now govern and on those who one day hope to do so. Prophets, not without honour in their own immediate circle but with Labouring solemnity predict for the future of the next Government, taking no account of the fickleness of the electorate and the many unknown causes which help to wreck and erect the structures of Government. In these matters Political parties come and go but Government goes on for ever. "Revolutions may come but always there are those willing to convert order out of chaos." The Liberal Party is the latest of the political bodies to suffer a partial eclipse. Indeed the phenomenon, if such it is, is not common to England, but operates on the Continent. Envy, hatred and uncharitableness may be deemed the causes which have led to the temporary disruption of the English Liberal forces. It is absurd that this great body of enlightened opinion can long continue in two separate camps with leaders of such intelligence and intensity as Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George. Ultimately compromise will rescue it and we may see a Sir John Simon rallying the dismembered clan to, if not victory, then an opposition worthy the past great history of the Liberal Party. In France the Lower Middle Class Radical Party, supported chiefly by small landholders, priest ridden and tax beset, lost in 1919 the political power it has enjoyed since the Dreyfus Crisis. Its former leader, Joseph Caillaux is a political exile, and its efforts to formulate a cohesive programme for the next elections are painful and slow. In

Italy the old-time middle class party leaders have lost their position at the head of affairs. Neither Giolitti, Orlando, Salandra, or Nitti, are executives today. In Sweden the Liberal Party has split on the question of Prohibition. In the United States the Democratic Party was badly defeated after the war. What its chances are in the next election it is impossible to say. Divisions in the opposition camp may help to kill it in. Liberals the world over, meaning those who truly stand for "neither reaction nor revolution" are for the time being in the shade. One may say of them as a body "Where is dat Barty now?" As at present constituted it will take a long time for the Liberals to come back.

Rules.

A schoolboy notion was that rules were made to be broken. This occurred to us in reading "Kowloonite's" letter in our last night's issue complaining of the disregard of the Star Ferry Co.'s rules as to smoking, spitting, and using the seats as rests for tired feet. It is an old complaint and whilst people generally are either indifferent or unthinking, these lapses of unselfishness, disobedience, and generally speaking, of bad taste will continue. They will undoubtedly continue while those who cause notices to be prominently displayed as to what passengers are not to do, as prominently exert no effort to see the rules carried out. The "Tramway Co." say that the upper decks of their cars can only carry 20 passengers and that no number beyond this is allowed. This *obiter dicta* is flagrantly disregarded and scarcely ever enforced. It is ridiculous to expect a Chinese Conductor to carry out the Company's rule—if it is meant to be a serious one. Examples in other directions could be instanced. It may be that these rules cannot be enforced by law. If not why have them—or why not get the Government to give them their sanction?—then go ahead and prosecute. As a local commenting friend might say "the hand that touches the pocket rules the action," meaning that people who won't sit up on a Ferry seat without putting one's feet on an opposite seat, will be made to sit up through the region of a fine. Or perhaps a lady who has had a garment soiled might institute an action against someone for damages and thus bring

the matter to a head. Failing this the gentle shift of sarcasm might be tried. Bowdlerise the Golf Club's notice and exhibit. "Gentlemen will not smoke (or spit, or put their feet on seats) others will do so at their peril," or "How can a person who expects to be expert to ride as a gentleman?" It is a more or less interesting comment on the mentality of Hongkong to notice the wording of warnings shown in lifts, on cars, ferries and trams. Those who have a moment or two to spare might do worse than make a note of them.

Cash And Convenience.

The decision of the Government to enforce the law prohibiting the signing of cheques for drinks in hotels and bars, excepting in cases where the signatory is a resident guest or requires liquid refreshment other than water with a meal, has evoked general comment in local circles. We consider the move a wise one and should like to see it extended to Clubs. In fact, until this is done, public purveyors of retail liquors will be given some grounds for complaint. It may be urged that it is very difficult for Clubs to introduce any such embargo, but that argument will not hold water. In many places in the East, the deposit system for years has been rigidly enforced at Clubs and could just as easily be insisted upon here. Advocates of the club system defend it upon the grounds of convenience. The deposit system meets their difficulty and doubtless would be welcomed by licensees. If the elimination of the club system tends to lessen the amount of alcoholic beverages consumed it will be a gain to the community, except to those who profit by the weakness in others. It is a simple matter to sign a cheque for a round of drinks and the careless seldom considers what difference such a club is making in the sum total to his debt during the month. If he has to pay cash or sign his deposit book, he realizes how he stands. We have heard it said that the enforcement of the order is already having its effect on takings at the bar; if this is true, it bears out our contention that the club system leads to needless expenditure on liquid refreshments. We fail to see that any argument can be advanced in favour of the club system except one of convenience which, as already pointed out, can be met by the introduction of the deposit system.

To-day's Poems.

(A Net to Snare the Moonlight.)
(What the Man of Faith Said.)

The dew, the rain and moonlight
All prove our Father's unit.
The dew, the rain and moonlight
Descend to bless mankind.

Come, let us see that all men
Have hand to catch the rain,
Have grass to soave the spheres of
dew,
And fields spread for the grain.

Yet, we would give to each poor
man
Ripe wheat and poppies red,
A peaceful place at evening
With the stars just overhead:

A net to snare the moonlight,
A sod to spread to the sun,
A place of toll by daytime,
Of dreams when toll is done.

—VACHEL LINDSAY.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 24.—Coronet Theatre; "Nanook of the North."
August 24.—Star Theatre; "The Fighting Guide" and "Dewdrop Inn."

August 24.—World Theatre; at 5.15 p.m., Bessie Barriscale in "Life's Twist"; at 9.15 p.m., "Atlantide."

SPORTS.

August 25.—V.R.C. Night Swimming fête, 9 p.m.
August 31 to September 1.—I.R.C. Annual Aquatic Sports at V.R.C.

SOCIAL.

September 1.—Promenade Concert at Hongkong Volunteer Headquarters, 9.15 p.m.
September 1.—Dinner Dances at Reptile Bay Hotel.

MEETINGS.

December 12.—Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, at the City Hall, 3 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Bandits have captured a French priest in the Talifu district, according to a *Reuter* cable from Peking.

Golfers will be interested to learn that the Old Course at Fanling will be reopened for play to-morrow the 25 inst.

A memorial service will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Friday, August 31, at 5.30 p.m. in memory of those who lost their lives in the typhoon.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's Mines for the week ending August 11, amounted to 88,720 tons, and the sales to 83,497 tons.

Lady Liangatock left \$57,000; Lord Portman, \$615,000; John Harrison of Gow and Harrison, Glasgow, \$617,000; Major-General Henry Vibert, £31,000 and Lord Plymouth £860,000.

The Japanese naval scrapping programme, in accordance with the Treaty, is to be completed forthwith, according to an announcement by the Navy Department states a *Reuter* cable from Tokyo.

Messrs. J. Hurley, F.C. Dowley and P. Barnard, arrived by the P. and O. s.s. "Mantua" last evening to join the local police force. All the new recruits formerly served with the Royal Irish Constabulary.

The P. and O. S.S. Co. Ltd. are quick to be congratulated on the fact that their mail service is providing. The steamer "Mooltan" dispatched from London the evening of July 26 reached Hongkong at 5.30 p.m. on the 23rd inst. a mere matter of 28 days and a very fine performance.

For being in unlawful possession of 990 percussion caps, a Chinese, who was arrested by Sub-Inspector Fallon on the Leung Wing Wah Wharf yesterday, was fined \$50 by Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning. The caps, which were secreted in tins of talcum powder, were confiscated.

A copy of the eighth annual report of St. Dunstan's reaches the *China Mail*. "The Battalions of the War Blinded" it is called and it is full of what St. Dunstan has done and is doing for those blinded by the War. We know of no work worthy the support of all than St. Dunstan's.

The *Times* says, it is believed that the Japanese submarine which was sunk at Kobe was insured on the London market, while under construction. The vessel was insured to a value exceeding £250,000 by London insurance interests. This sum is likely to be widely spread among Lloyd's underwriters and the insurance companies, says a *Reuter* cable from London.

The journalist, the late Sir William Robertson Nicoll, left \$52,000. By his will proved at \$323,740 Sir Griffith Thomas, coal-owner and exporter and shipping agent, after making various bequests left the residue of his property for the promotion, endowment, encouragement, and support of philanthropic, charitable, educational, national or municipal objects in Swansea and Neath.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. H. M. Fetterly, Miss H. B. Komor and Dr. and Mrs. T. C. Wong were passengers on the outgoing "Empress of Australia."

A Berlin telegram announces that Baroness Marie Anne von Kuhlmann has given birth to a daughter. The Baroness was formerly the wife of the Hon. J. Freeman-Mitford, and afterwards married Baron von Kuhlmann.

Mr. Albert C. Hall, manager for the East, of the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, who has had an extensive and interesting tour through Turkey, Egypt, Palestine, Syria and India on behalf of his company, is returning to Singapore on the P. and O. steamer "Devanha."

The death took place suddenly at his residence, 596, East Coast Road, on May, 19, of Mr. J. L. Scheerder, an old and respected citizen of Singapore. The deceased was an extensive landowner, and counted a large circle of friends. In spite of the shortness of the notice of his demise there was a large attendance at the funeral, which took place at Biddadi.

Having completed their tour of South Africa, India and the Far East, the Courtice-Holloway Comedy Co., whose stay in Hongkong will be readily recalled, have left for home. Miss Leslie Graham, the daughter of a former manager of the Birmingham Theatre Royal and who appeared as Poppy Faire in Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure, is to be married to Mr. J. W. Gable, an architect in the Bombay Improvement Trust.

TYPHOON DANGERS.

HONGKONG'S LIFE SAVING NEEDS.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—Now that the question of life saving apparatus for Hongkong has become a burning topic following last Saturday's disasters, I should like to bring under the notice of the public the value of the mortar and rocket apparatus. Why not have three stations here, two on the island and the other at Kowloon? The apparatus could easily be transported by motor lorry to the scene of the wreck. The following instructions clearly show what I mean:—

1.—A rocket or shot, with a thin line attached, will be fired across your vessel. Get hold of this line with all speed; and when you have secured it, let one of the crew be separated from the rest, and signal to those on shore as follows:—If in the day-time, wave his hat or his hand, or a flag or handkerchief; or if at night, let a rocket, blue light, or a gun be fired, or let a light be shown over the side of the ship, and be again concealed.

2.—When you see one of the men on shore separated from the rest, wave a red flag; or, if at night, show a red light, and then conceal it. You are to haul upon the socket line until you get a tailed block with an endless fall rope through it.

3.—Make the tail of the block fast to the mast about 15 feet above the deck, or, if your masts are gone, to the highest secure part of the vessel; and when the tail block is made fast, and the rocket line unbent from the whip, let one of the crew, separated from the rest, make the signal required by Article 1 above.

4.—As good as the signal is seen on shore, a hawser will be hauled off to the ship by those on shore.

5.—When the hawser is got on board, the crew should at once make it fast to the same part of the ship as the tailed block is made fast to, only about 18 inches higher, taking care that there are no turns of the whip line round the hawser.

6.—When the hawser has been made fast on board, the signal directed by Article 1 above is to be repeated.

7.—The men on shore will then haul the hawser taut; and, by means of the whip line, will haul off to the ship a sling, net, or life buoy, into which the person to be hauled ashore is to get and be made fast. When he is in and secure, one of the crew must be separated from the rest, and again signal to the shore as directed in Article 1, above. The people on shore will then haul the person in the sling to the shore; and, when he has landed, will haul back the empty sling to the ship for others. This operation will be repeated to and fro until all persons are hauled ashore from the wrecked vessel.

8.—It may sometimes happen that the state of the weather and the condition of the ship will not admit of a hawser being set up; in such cases a sling or life-buoy will be hauled off instead; and the persons to be rescued will be hauled through the surf instead of along the hawser.

Masters and crews of stranded vessels should bear in mind that success in landing them, in a great measure, depends upon their coolness and attention to the rules here laid down, and that by attending to them many lives are annually saved by the mortar and rocket apparatus on the coasts of the United Kingdom.

The system of signalling must be strictly adhered to; and all women, children, passengers, and helpless persons should be landed before the crew of the ship.—Board or Trade.

As one that has been drilled in this apparatus and has used it, I think it is high time to have it here.

Yours, etc.,

OLIVER TWIST.

Hongkong, August 23.

"SHOT THE MOON."

LOCAL LANDLADY LEFT IN THE LURCH.

Some days ago a "Triumph" motor-cycle was found abandoned at the foot of Battery Path and taken to the Central Police Station. It now transpires that the cycle is the property of a local European who had lent it on trial to a prospective purchaser who has since "shot the moon." The would-be purchaser, it appears, had more brains than money. By a rise he got his luggage out of the boarding house where he was stopping, telling the boy that he was sending it on ahead, and would wait to settle his bill until his landlady awoke from her post-prandial nap. He then mounted the motor-cycle and rode away abandoning it as stated, and left the Colony by ship.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CANTON PRESS GANG CHARGES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—The article on the situation in Canton which appeared in your issue of Tuesday last under the heading "Press Gangs" was of particular interest to me because on that same afternoon—Tuesday, August 21st, I saw in Canton, evidences of barbarism which no amount of "eyewash" from Mr. Chen Chantok—the Secretary for Foreign Affairs who was interviewed by your representative—can condone. At about 2.30 p.m. I passed down the Bund and saw three corpses along the route. I am assured by other European eyewitnesses that, earlier in the day there was at least one other corpse. These were corpses of men who had been compelled by military press gangs to carry baggage. It is well-known in Chinese circles here that the food given to these carrying coolies is little, if any better than a starvation ration, and, indeed no further proof of this was needed than the condition of the men themselves.

On the morning of Tuesday last, Yunnanese soldiers passed along the Bund to Tai Sha Tau station en route for the East River, taking with them compelled carrying coolies. Such was the condition of some of these coolies that they fell to the ground under their burdens and were then beaten with bamboo until they staggered to their feet and continued for a further few score yards when the terrible process was repeated. The corpses along the Bund were those of men who had been thus brutally beaten to death. This I have on the authority of a European who witnessed the proceedings, and ample evidence of beating was to be found in the bloody backs of the corpses.

According to Mr. Chen, as reported by you, whenever such complaints are brought to the notice of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, he orders an enquiry and, if the charges are proved, those responsible are severely dealt with. It is to be hoped that this particular incident will be brought to Dr. Sun's notice, but one imagines that in this, as in the case of the closing of gambling houses again quoting Mr. Chen—Dr. Sun is too busily employed with matters of greater importance to take steps to suppress it.

To say, as the foreigner interviewed by your representative is reported to have said that "no one is taken to act as a carrying coolie if he can prove that he is in employment" simply shows ignorance of the facts. There are instances of men who were actually taken from work.

The ruthlessness with which the press gangs carry out their task may be judged from a case which was reported in the vernacular press about a week ago when a coolie, to avoid arrest, jumped into the river and was shot through the back while in the water. Without considering another branch of the press gangs' activities—that of arresting middle-class Chinese and extorting money on the threat of compelling them to act as carrying coolies—it is obvious to those who know Canton that the coolie population is very really afraid. This can be ascertained by questioning any Cantonese and is proved by the dearth of coolies both for carrying purposes and for house building.

It is not my aim to trace the effects of such happenings on Canton public opinion, nor to point to the obvious defects in the present political puppet show under whose régime such things are possible, but to bring to the notice of your readers that here, in Canton, ruthless barbarity is being practised by soldiers who are in the employ of, and ostensibly under the control of so-called apostles of democracy and would-be leaders of New China.

I am, Sir

Yours etc.,

PROVINCIAL.

Canton, August 23.

INCOME TAX REFUNDS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—Now that the Finance Bill of 1923-24 has passed into law, no doubt your readers who derive any income from the United Kingdom will be interested to learn its provisions.

Briefly the most important changes affecting non-residents are these:

- (1) The standard rate of tax has been reduced to 4/6 in the pound.
- (2) Claims can be made for three years back, but this limit will gradually be extended to six years. It will not be possible, however, to claim for years prior to 1920-21, the section now being retrospective.
- (3) Income derived from the Irish Free State will be exempt from

EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

SINO-BRITISH MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

CONTROL OF FUNDS.

A meeting of the Exhibition Committee of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday under the presidency of Mr. Li Po-kuai. Amongst others present were: Sir Robert H. Tung, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Mr. T. N. Chau, and Mr. Ho Kwong. Towards the close of the meeting the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. P. Holyoak, Mr. D. K. Blair (Secretary to the General Chamber of Commerce) and Mr. J. Fleming, of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews (who have been recommended by the Joint Committee to H.E. the Governor to act as accountants to the Hongkong section of the Exhibition) attended a several points which had arisen were explained by them.

At the outset of the meeting Mr. T. N. Chau said he thought that 26 buildings would be necessary to cope with the demands for space. As the demand for space was greater than the space at the Committee's disposal he thought the applications for space would have to be reduced.

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall, in giving a brief resume of the proceedings of a meeting of the Joint Committee of the two Chambers held last Friday, said that the London Committee were very desirous that the scheme for having a Chinese restaurant in the Hongkong section should be carried out. The abandonment of the scheme, the London Committee had argued, would cause much delay in the construction of the premises as the necessary plans for the buildings had been perfected and any alterations to these plans would cause considerable trouble.

As to the Chinese application for reduction of freight on all exhibits sent to England, including those intended to be sold at the Exhibition, Mr. Kotewall said that the Joint Committee had sent another letter to London on the matter. He also explained that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews had been recommended as auditors to the Hongkong section with powers to control the financial assistance provided by the Government. This had been in accordance with the wishes of H.E. the Governor. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews had prepared forms for distribution amongst intending exhibitors.

TO SUPPLEMENT FUND.

In view of the possibility of the \$150,000 allotted by the Hongkong Government for the assistance of Chinese exhibitors being insufficient, Mr. Kotewall said that it had been suggested that 5 per cent. should be deducted from sales made by exhibitors for the purpose of supplementing the fund.

The question of Chinese exhibitors giving a guarantee for the return of their representatives and staff to the Colony after the Exhibition was raised and several gentlemen criticised the responsibility which would be placed on the shoulders of the exhibitors. Mr. Kotewall explained that this matter would in all probability be cleared up on the arrival of the Hon. Mr. Hallifax and the representatives of the General Chamber of Commerce. On the arrival of these gentlemen this matter was gone into in an informal manner and Mr. Kotewall informed the meeting that such a guarantee would not be expected from exhibitors. He explained that the object of the proposal was to get over the difficulty of having Chinese stranded without means in England.

The question of the Chinese restaurant was again mentioned and a leading Chinese supporter of the scheme expressed the opinion that a large number of waiters and a kitchen staff would be a necessary feature. It was pointed out, however, that the arrangements to be made were subject to the fund allotted by the Government proving sufficient and further discussion of the matter was adjourned pending investigation.

This concluded the business before the meeting.

British Tax, but liable to Irish Income Tax, which is 5/- in the pound for 1923-24.

There are apparently still many people deriving income from the United Kingdom who are unaware that they can recover at least part of the income tax charged on it. This is in many cases, due to the fact that dividends are often marked "free of tax" and in some instances even no mention whatever of tax is made where they are paid through a local branch of a British Company. In both these cases, however, tax is recoverable.

Should any of your readers desire further information on this question, I shall be pleased to advise them, if they will address me at 13, Buckingham Palace Gardens, London.

Yours etc.,

WILFRED T. FRY.

London, July 16.

RENTS DISPUTE.

SUB-LETTING PROFITS.

PUISSE JUDGE'S DECISION.

In the Summary Court this morning Mr. Justice Gompertz delivered judgment in connection with the rehearing of the case in which Yuen Yung Yu, the tenant of the first floor of 13A, Peel Street, sued his sub-tenant for the sum of \$77 rent in respect of apportionment of the floor.

When the case originally came up for hearing the plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. M. Watson, and the defendant by Mr. M. K. Lau. It transpired that the plaintiff was tenant of the whole premises at a monthly rental of \$37 a month, and was charging the defendant \$77 per month for a portion of the premises. Accordingly Mr. Lau asked that the Puisse Judge assess the standard rent of the portion of the floor occupied by the defendant.

At the time His Honour reserved judgment, but subsequently decided in favour of the plaintiff. "On the whole," said His Honour, "I think the plaintiff is right and the standard rent of this portion is the rent at which it was first let, that is, \$77."

For the rehearing the defence brought counsel, Mr. F. C. Jenkin appearing on their behalf. The point at issue was simply what is the standard rent.

After hearing both Mr. Jenkin and Mr. Watson at considerable length, Mr. Gompertz reserved his decision.

Announcing his decision this morning His Honour said: "On the first hearing of this case, I gave judgment for the plaintiff. It has been pointed out that my decision is of importance both to tenants and to landlords, and that it is desirable that the point of law should be argued by Counsel. I have therefore reheard the case for re-argument. The enquiry here must be at what date is the actual rent of this portion to be taken for the purpose of determining the standard rent. There was an earlier letting of the whole floor at \$87 per month, and a later letting, that is to say in the third to one of a portion of the floor, the tenant with which I am now concerned at \$77 per month. I have already said that as there is now power of apportionment under the Hongkong law, the later date, that of the separate letting must be the appropriate date."

It is now out to me that the English cases:

Mitchbank v. Campbell, 1923, 1 K.B. 245.

Woodhead v. Putnam, 1923, 1 K.B. 252.

R. v. Markham C. Court Judge, 1923, 1 K.B. 365.

show that the crucial test is whether there has been substantial structural alteration. If there has been no such alteration then the date is that of the first letting of the whole tenement. But none of these cases in fact depart from the principle of the reasoning in Woodhead v. Putnam, 1923, 1 K.B. 252.

Where you have two dates to select from, and the legislature has provided for apportionment, it has manifested its intention that the appropriate date is that which fixes the standard rent of the whole. Then if there has been no substantial structural alteration, apportionment comes in to ascertain the rent of the part. But where there is no provision for apportionment there is then only one date which can be taken—the date that is to say of the separate letting of the part, the date at which it becomes a domestic tenement, otherwise there is no means of fixing a standard rent of the part. This—as was pointed out by Salter J. in Woodhead v. Putnam, 1923, 1 K.B. at p. 256—can only be done by apportionment. But Mr. Jenkin carries his argument further. If the standard rent of the whole is—say x—then the standard rent of the part cannot be more than x—and the plaintiff here cannot at any rate recover more than x—that is to say \$37.

The answer to this is that the law has made no such provision. As Wood J. observed in another connection in Leung Lin-sen v. Hin Sang-fat 10, 11 K.L.R. at p. 55: "The Ordinance has provided no machinery by which the Court can deal with portions only of a domestic tenement."

In my opinion therefore the standard rent of the part is the rent at which it was first separately let, that is, \$77.00, and the plaintiff keeps his judgment. Cost on highest scale for Counsel."

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"LOONGSANG" DISCOVERY.

BODY ON WRECK.

POSSIBLY SECOND OFFICER.

The discovery was made yesterday afternoon that there was a corpse on the submerged poop of the ill-fated "Loongsang".

It was difficult to tell whether the body was that of a European or a Chinese but it is thought possible it may be the body of Mr. D. R. Wilson, the "Loongsang's" Second Officer, who was last seen on the top of the poop, which was then awash. It is also stated that a sampan woman thinks it to be the body of her dead husband and has been hovering about near the wreck in her boat.

It will be low tide at about 2.40 this afternoon when as the poop will then be only a few feet under water, an attempt will be made to extricate the body and bring it to the surface.

LATER.

The water police searched this afternoon but their efforts, up to 3.15 p.m., appeared to be unsuccessful.

TUGS AND LIGHTERS.

NEW \$2,000,000 COMPANY.

PROSPECTUS NEXT WEEK.

A new company known as the Hongkong Tug and Lighter Company Limited has been formed and its prospectus, a *China Mail* reporter learned this morning, will probably be issued next week.

The company is to have a capital of \$2,000,000 in 200,000 shares of \$10. Only half will be issued and about 80 per cent. of the shares have already been taken up by the founders. That leaves 20,000 shares to be offered to the public next week at a meantime contribution of \$1.25.

Messrs Shewan Tomes and Coy. Ltd. are to act as general managers and the consulting committee will be as follows:—Mr. W. Adamson (Chairman), Mr. W. I. Carroll, Mr. M. Menzies, Mr. Ip Tse-fong, Mr. C. B. Brook.

Interviewed this morning, Mr. Adamson said the new company's object would be to provide a fleet of up-to-date lighters for the carrying of cargo and a sufficiency of tugs to tow them. When not employed in towing lighters the tugs would, of course, be available for other work.

Mr. Adamson estimated that the company would be able to begin operations in about three months' time.

ARMED ROBBERS.

Robbers armed with revolvers and daggers entered a dwelling house in Argyle Street, Yau-mat, this morning, and after intimidating the occupants got away with \$150 worth of booty.

TYPHOON POSSIBLE.

A telegram from the Manila Observatory was received at the American Consulate-General at 10.15 this morning, which reads: "Warning low pressure area extending from the China Sea to the Pacific across Northern Luzon and the Balingan Channel. A real typhoon may develop later."

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MEMORIAL SERVICE.

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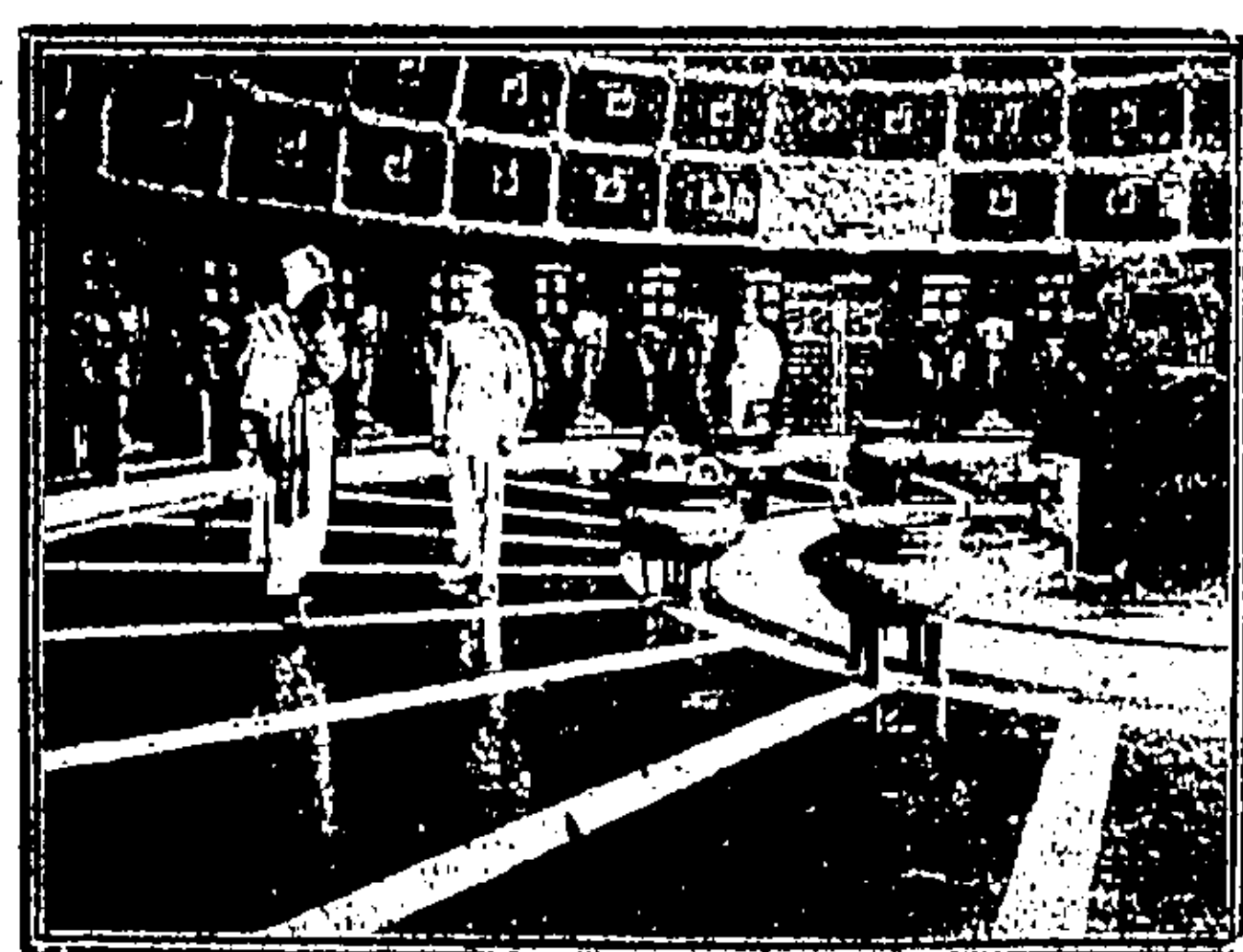
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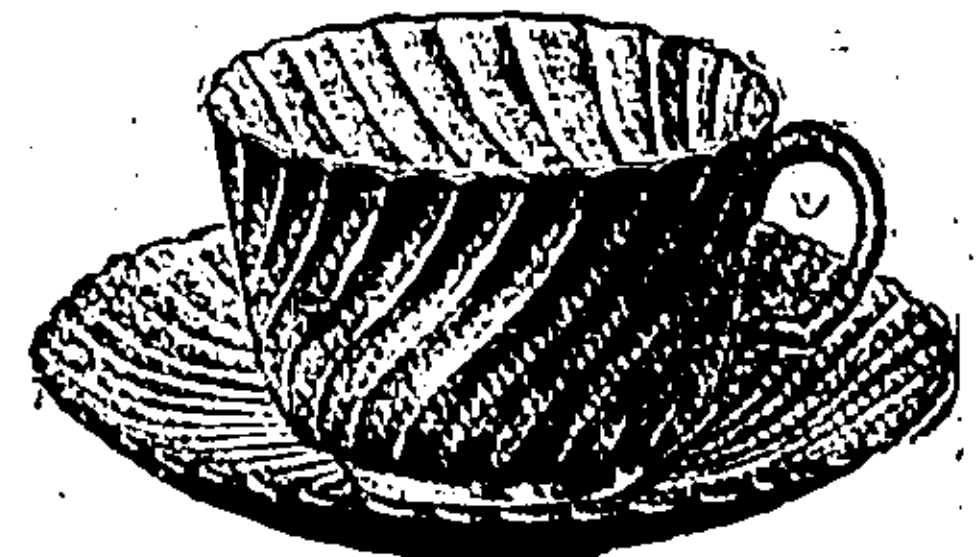
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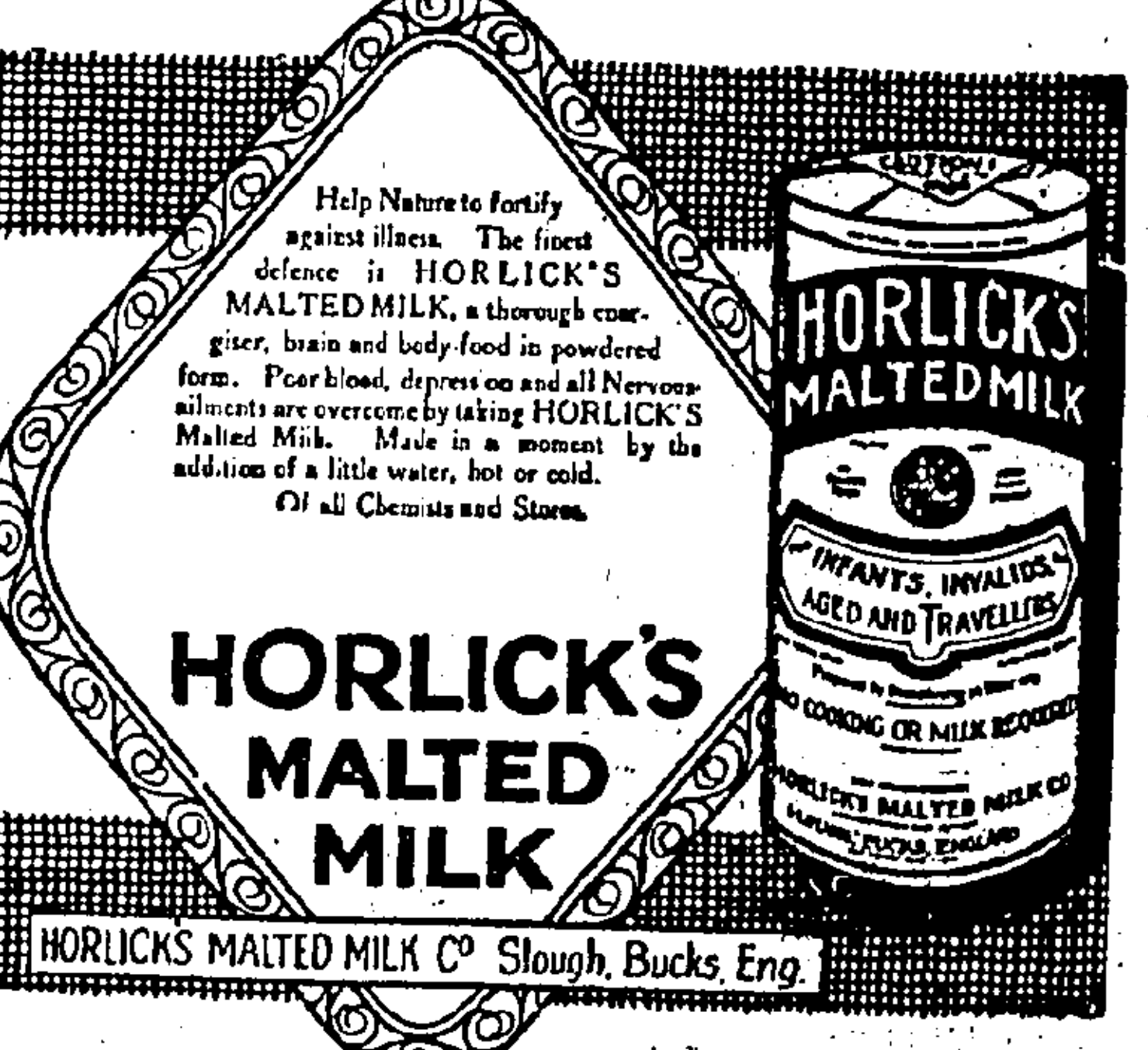
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TYPHOON SLACKNESS.

HARBOUR BUOY DRAGGED.

MARINE COURT CASE FOLLOWS.

Remains at her buoy at West Point until the height of Saturday's typhoon, although she had been warned to move out to an anchorage for the night as soon as the black typhoon signal was hoisted, the s.s. "Halls" was stranded off Kennedy Town. In the process, the buoy at which she lay, C45, was dragged 150 feet to the south-west.

These facts were mentioned to the Marine Magistrate (Commander Beckwith) when the agents of the ship were charged by the first Harbouring Officer (Mr. C. J. Thomson) with having neglected to move the steamer out during daylight to an anchorage for the night when the typhoon signal was hoisted on August 17.

The defendants pleaded guilty and Commander Beckwith directed that the moorings of the buoy should be fitted and relaid at the expense of the ship's owners.

A similar offence was alleged against the master of the "Sunka Maru" (Captain I. Furukawa) in connection with Tuesday night's blow.

The defendant explained that he could not get steam up because his boiler tubes were leaking but that he went out as soon as repairs were effected.

The Magistrate decided to let him off with a warning.

Y.M.C.A.

EUROPEAN AND CHINESE ACTIVITIES.

THE KOWLOON SITE.

The Board of Directors of the European Y.M.C.A. has now received from the Government official notice of the "deeding" to them of the magnificent site in Kowloon for the new European Y.M.C.A. The Government had already given verbal permission some time ago and also a building permit, but the matter is now put in definite form. Such a magnificent gift as this building site of 31,000 sq. ft. of valuable land, computed to be worth half a million dollars has naturally given immense satisfaction. The Board is able to look to the future with much confidence in their efforts in behalf of the young manhood of the European Community.

The Chinese Board of Directors have appointed Mr. Tsui Mo-fat to be an acting general secretary in the place of the late Mr. Ho Shiu-lan. Mr. Mo-fat has been a Secretary under Y. M. C. A. auspices for seven years, six years as Educational Director and a year as executive Secretary of the Senior division and is therefore well qualified to assume his new duties. Mr. Mo-fat is a graduate of the Canton Christian College.

"SOME DISTANCES" . . . INTERESTING COMPILATION.

Captain G. H. Pennefather has written and compiled, and Ye Olde Printer has printed and published a neat and handy book, easy to slip in the pocket, entitled "Some Distances in the South China Sea and Philippine Islands." The book not only gives distances to almost every known place, in the regions mentioned, but gives degrees latitudes, and longitudes and the course to take. There are observations regarding rocks and the straight tip to mariners with "In the typhoon season with the wind N. E. and glass 29-30 never pass a typhoon anchorage."

There are various other comments in the book which are sensible in that they point to safety and are meant as aids to navigators, which make the book more valuable. Primarily of interest to mariners, the mere landlubber can spend some profitable moments in perusing Captain Pennefather's book, brushing up his nautical knowledge and comparing distances he may have travelled.

SPORT.

MILITARY FOOTBALL.

2ND BN. THE KING'S REGT.

The concluding matches of this competition have been played since the report published last Friday and, with the exception of the "Runners Up" medals, the league positions are decided for another year.

No. 2 Group are Champions with a total of 33 points. The three teams who tied for "Runners Up" position obtained 26 points each. A triangular contest to decide between these three teams is now in progress and the last match of the contest is to be played to-night at 5.30 p.m.

The "Wooden Spoon" goes to No. 16 platoon as No. 8 platoon, after occupying bottom position until last week, finished in the 16th place.

No. 14 platoon, who were Champions in 1922, finished up in the 8th position with 21 points and No. 13 platoon, who were "Runners Up," complete their fixtures with the same number of points as No. 14 platoon.

Throughout the Competition the matches have been interesting and well fought and in no instance has a match had to be put off through the failure of a team to turn out.

The final League Table is given below:

LEAGUE.

TEAMS.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	GOALS.	POINTS.
No. 2 G.	19	15	3	1	42	11	33	
No. 4 G.	19	11	4	4	41	18	26	
No. 1 G.	19	11	4	4	38	19	26	
No. 5 G.	19	11	4	4	36	21	26	
No. 10 P.	19	10	5	4	23	15	25	
No. 11 P.	19	9	5	5	32	17	23	
No. 9 P.	19	10	3	6	31	19	23	
No. 14 P.	19	7	7	5	25	19	21	
No. 13 P.	19	7	5	7	21	17	21	
No. 3 P.	19	7	6	6	21	25	20	
No. 1 P.	19	7	6	6	22	20	18	
No. 6 P.	19	8	2	9	20	16	16	
No. 12 P.	19	4	8	7	15	20	16	
No. 3 G.	19	6	3	10	20	13	15	
No. 15 P.	19	5	4	10	17	13	15	
No. 8 P.	19	5	2	12	15	11	12	
No. 2 P.	19	4	4	11	9	31	12	
No. 4 P.	19	4	4	11	20	12	10	
No. 7 P.	19	3	4	12	17	35	10	
No. 16 P.	19	2	6	11	31	10	10	

Results of matches played since last Thursday:

No. 15 P.	4	No. 7 P.	0
No. 2 P.	1	No. 16 P.	0
No. 6 P.	2	No. 16 P.	1
No. 8 P.	1	No. 2 P.	0
No. 13 P.	2	No. 4 P.	0

Total points obtained towards the Battalion Football Cup:—
Headquarter Wing. 100 points.
"C" Company. 87 points.
"D" Company. 66 points.
"A" Company. 66 points.
"B" Company. 61 points.

The results of the triangular contest arranged to decide "Runners Up" are as under:—
No. 4 G. 3 No. 5 P. 2
No. 1 G. 1 No. 4 G. 0

The remaining match between No. 5 platoon and No. 1 platoon will be played to-night and is expected to produce a very keen struggle. A draw would make No. 1 Group the winners of the medals, the contest being decided on points, while a win for No. 5 platoon would place all three teams on equal terms again.

CRICKET.

The annual Battalion Cricket League which is a Company Competition commences to-morrow with a match between Group "A" and "A" Company.

For this League Headquarters Wing ranks as two Companies under the designation of Group "A" and Group "B."

The matches are of one innings and commence on Murray Parade Ground each evening at 3.30 p.m.

HOCKEY.

A half Company Hockey Tournament is to commence about September 13.

The matches in this Tournament will be played on the Garrison H. Key Ground at Sookumpoo.

A FATAL FIGHT.

EARTH COOLIE KILLED AT TYTANTUK.

During the typhoon, the coolie matsheds at Tytantuk few earth-works were so badly damaged that all except 50 coolies decamped. A fight started among the remainder, on the night of August 23, during which one of Kin Lee's gang, a man named Tang Sang, was hit over the spleen by some heavy instrument. He managed to reach his cot, but died 20 minutes later.

The matter was not reported to the police until some hours later and when they arrived on the scene the camp had been vacated. The news of the murder was sent over the telephone to the central Station early this morning. So far no arrests have been made.

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TREATS IN STORE.

THIS SEASON'S THEATRE ATTRACTIONS.

"POLLY" FOR HONGKONG.

In addition to the good things promised by our own A.D.C. in the near future, including a gorgeous pantomime, Hongkong is in for some fine Theatre programmes which should have an attraction for everyone. Early in November we may expect a return visit from old friends in the shape of the Italian Opera Co. Whether they will go to Kowloon or the Theatre Royal is not certain. In December the Philharmonic Society promise a programme of a distinctly engaging character. Lovers of part and Chorus singing will do themselves an injustice or unkindness if they fail to attend a performance which will include items by such famous moderns as Gustave Holst whose "The Perfect Fool" and "Savitri" recently performed in London have raised distinct hopes for the art of the Opera. The Phil's programme will also include an example of the work of a local composer. Altogether an event of some importance will be the Philharmonic Society's Concert. The Pantomime will probably be given near to the Christmas holidays. In January we are promised a visit from the famous Quaints under the more than quaint leadership of the famous R. Salisbury. Salisbury is sure to have the latest songs, skits and things which vie with the London Co-optimists, including several chorus songs. Following on the Quaints will come the Beggars Opera Co. with probably "The Beggars' Polly" or the equally famous "Polly" which has had London by the ears in more seasons than one and has played to crowded houses for months.

This is a star enterprise and those concerned are to be heartily congratulated, whilst Hongkong should, may well, rise to the occasion in no uncertain manner. This is not all. There will be the more than famous "9 o'clock Revue" with its chorus, its funny situations and all the things that go to make up a successful Revue. For the convenience of our readers we give below the items mentioned above. As soon as we are informed of the dates on which performances are to be given we shall make a point of publishing the information.

December Philharmonic Society's Concert.
January Pantomime.
February "Polly" or "The Beggars' Opera."
February "9 o'clock Revue."

FOR THE KIDDIES.

"BUFFALO BILL" AT THE STAR.

There are precious few of us who during our boyhood days did not read these stirring tales of that Wild West hero, Buffalo Bill. The younger generation are more fortunate than we older folk; they can learn of the famous rough-rider in an even more interesting way, by seeing him on the movies. The Star Theatre has secured a Buffalo Bill serial. It is in eighteen parts and the management intend to show three parts every Saturday afternoon, commencing at half-past two this coming Saturday, so screening the complete story in six weeks. Unlike the usual run of serials, there is none of the blood and thunder stuff in this production. There are some real thrills, but the picture provides more than an afternoon's entertainment; its historical nature makes it a film of great educational value. Such episodes as the American Civil war are depicted, and the story brings in all the well-known characters in early American history. General Grant, Abraham Lincoln, Gen. Robert E. Lee, Sitting Bull, the Sioux Indian Chief, and many others whose names are famous come into this interesting film. It is a production every child should see, and most adults would probably find it of more than a little interest.

AQUATIC SPORTS.

L.R.C. ANNUAL CONTESTS AT V.R.C. POOL.

The Lusitano Recreation Club proposes to hold its 3rd Annual Aquatic Sports this year on the 1st of August and 1st of September at the Victoria Recreation Club Bath, by kind permission of the V.R.C. Committee. There will be 20 events. Lists will be found posted at the Club Lusitano, Club de Recreio and the Catholic Union Club.

Entries close at 5 p.m. on Monday next to the Honorary Secretary, L.R.C.

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HAS HIS SUN SET?

WHERE IS DR. SUN?

FRICION AND FINANCE.

The report that Dr. Sun Yat-sen has fled from Canton is generally discredited in well-informed quarters here. A *China Mail* representative, this morning, in conversation with one who is in close touch with Canton officialdom, was told that the rumour probably arose from the fact that certain officials from Canton had arrived in the Colony in connection with obtaining financial help for Dr. Sun. "It is well-known," said our informant, "that the continual demands made by Dr. Sun's military leaders have to be met and the present financial resources of the Canton régime are being taxed to the utmost. Dr. Sun is experiencing similar difficulties to those in the past—despite all the protestations of patriotism among military leaders and the rank and file, money is the main factor. If Dr. Sun had unlimited supplies of cash he could restore order in a few weeks and, provided revenue was not misappropriated by the collectors, peace would be permanent."

FRICION ADMITTED.

Asked whether he could advance any theory for the present unrest in Canton, our informant stated that undoubtedly there had been considerable friction between the police and the military. The former take their orders direct from Dr. Sun's staff, while the rank and file of the armies only comply with orders given by Dr. Sun if it suits the look of their immediate commander. Our informant qualified this statement somewhat by the admission that there were many genuine patriots among the soldiers, but, unfortunately, they were in the minority. In conclusions our informant allowed that it was possible that Dr. Sun Yat-sen had left Canton on a trip to Shanghai to consult his supporters. If he had done so, however, it was most probable that the news would have reached consular circles and would have been officially circulated.

FROM OTHER SOURCES.
In reply to enquiries made at Police Headquarters here this morning, the *China Mail* learned that no intimation even of Dr. Sun's intention to leave Canton had been given to the police. It was stated that H. B. M. Consul-General at Canton would most certainly have notified the Colonial Secretary if Dr. Sun Yat-sen had any intention to land here and it was almost certain that the Secretariat would have been informed had Dr. Sun actually left Canton for any destination whatsoever.

TAXIS HERE.

SOON TO TAKE TO THE ROAD FOR HIRE.

A number of Taxis having arrived, Hongkong may soon expect to see them on the road. Licence numbers have been allotted and "rehearsals" are taking place in the region of Happy Valley. The taxis are pleasing to the eye, look very "natty" and comfortable and have an air of safety about them. They have a regular "much in little" look and wisely and discreetly handled should undoubtedly become very popular in addition to meeting a long felt want giving in wet weather protection from the rain which fishmen and trams are unable to give.

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MYSTERY OF 1,500-YEAR-OLD FLINT.

Researches carried out in the Central America Republic of Guatemala by Mr. T. W. F. Gunn, Reader in Central American Archaeology at Liverpool University, have resulted in the discovery of a number of mysterious flint instruments. Excavations were made amid the ruins of a small temple situated at the summit of a mound near Quirigua. This temple was one of those built by the ancient Maya people of Central America, who, according to the latest theory, derived their civilisation from Egypt and passed across the Pacific some 2,000 or more years ago. Twenty-six beautifully chipped, egg-shaped flint instruments were discovered. Of the finest of these an illustration is printed here. It is a long, chipped with exquisite delicacy and precision from dark brown flint. What it is for no one yet knows. No other objects were found, but the date of the flints was closely fixed

MR. BALDWIN'S PIPE.

PREFERS IT TO CIGAR AFTER DINNER.

The Prime Minister, who was the chief guest at the annual dinner of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, Oxford, set a new fashion that occasioned much surprise. Mr. Baldwin declined a cigar and, producing a cherrywood pipe, smoked it with obvious enjoyment. The idea certainly made him popular with the 300 Rhodes scholars who are in residence at Oxford.

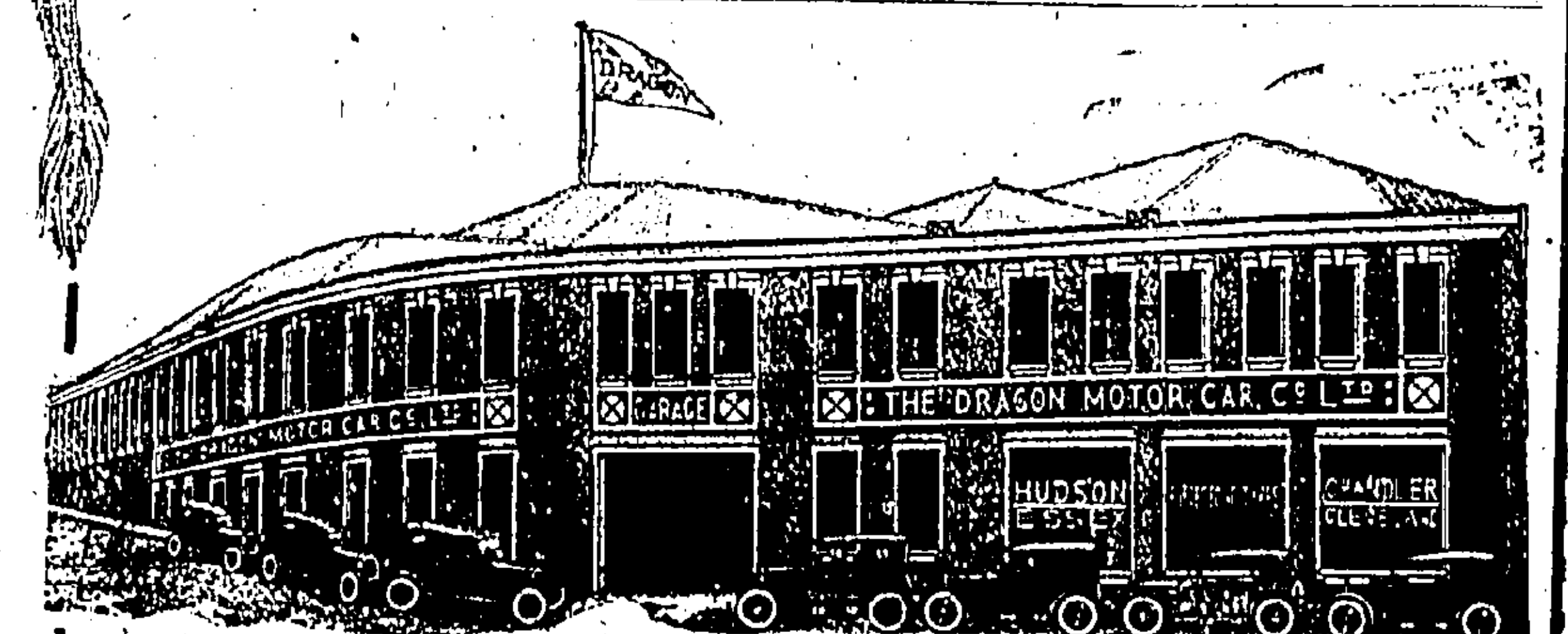
by a steel or upright stone slab, erected near the mound. This bore in Maya hieroglyphics the date of "K'atun 14, 9th cycle," corresponding to 452 A.D. of our era.

Similar Maya flints have been previously discovered throughout the area of Maya civilisation, which extended from Mexico to Honduras. Possibly they were used in the temples for ceremonial purposes only. Some of them, including the one depicted, had what appears to be a rough handle for holding.

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To become a Connoisseur one must be keen and one must be trained.

Many can see who do not appreciate beauty any more than a cow looking at the most glorious sunset.

Many can hear who do not appreciate harmony any more than a dog in an organ loft.

Many can taste what they drink who are interested as much in the quantity of the supply and as little in its quality as the animals at the Zoo.

Pictures, music and wine may be good, bad or indifferent; it is all the same to those who cannot see, hear nor taste; and it is very nearly the same to those unfortunate people who do not see, hear, nor taste with the keen, apprehensive, mind of the Connoisseur.

The Connoisseur must possess a finely sense of appreciation and be guided by good taste. Good taste is nobody's monopoly, and different people may have good taste who have not the same tastes.

The Connoisseur must neither give up his individuality nor fall into eccentricities; he must cultivate the sense of "measure," of true proportion, which is the hallmark of good taste.

The Connoisseur must be prepared to make mistakes; they are inevitable; they should be helpful and they must not make him lose confidence in his judgment.

The Connoisseur must be critical and not take for granted that the expert is always right; but he must not be self-opinionated and refuse advice.

The Connoisseur must not be extravagant nor hasty; but he must still less not be mean or casual.

The Connoisseur must school himself to resist temptation; he must learn to do without that which he cannot afford and to leave alone fakes, doubtful bargains and "just-as-good" substitutes which cost less and are worthless.

That is a breathless description of a Connoisseur in general. Here is one of a Wine one in particular.

The Wine Connoisseur is one who knows good wine from bad and who appreciates the distinctive merits of different wines.

The Wine Connoisseur drinks wine in moderation, but regularly and appreciatively. It is excessive habit which blunts appreciation. A little wine every day costs very little money and is the safest as well as the pleasantest tonic for body and mind alike. But wine, whatever its name, its age or its cost, must be honest if it is to be good and to do good.

How can you tell good wine from bad; how can you become a Wine Connoisseur? By using your senses and your common sense. By looking at it, smelling it, and tasting it with critical eyes, nose and palate before committing it to your veins and your brain.

Look at your wine critically; it must be not only clear but brilliant; it is ruby or amber, young or old, cheap or dear. If it be dull or thick, reject it. If bright, let it go before the tribunal of your nose.

Smell your wine critically; it must be clean-smelling. If you can detect the slightest mouldy, foul smell, or some unnatural, artificial scent, however faint, leave it alone. If its discreet aroma is pleasant, remain a while with bowed head over your glass; try and remember the occasion when you last met the same charming "bouquet" and what was the name of the wine. Then you may send your wine to the next court where your palate awaits it.

Taste your wine critically; it must be clean and pleasant. If you detect any unsavoury, sour or merely suspicious taste, spit it out as you would a bad oyster or a piece of tainted meat. But if the wreath of tiny taste-buds of your tongue and palate receive your wine joyfully, pause but one instant, again to search your memory for the name and vintage of the wine you are drinking, and then swallow it gratefully.

WORDS.

Last the foregoing be considered the out-pourings of our original soul, we hasten to say that all that therein has been snipped from an engaging little book called "The Wine Connoisseur" which has been sent to us by Messrs. Caldwell, Macgregor & Co., who will gladly issue free copies on application. Get one and in getting get much wisdom and learning.

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Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy should be packed in your hand luggage when going on a journey. Change of water, diet and temperature all tend to produce bowel trouble, and this medicine can be secured on board the train or steamship. It may save much suffering and inconvenience if you have it handy. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

THE EAST RIVER.

SHORTAGE OF FOOD AT WAICHOW FEARED.

PEKING, Aug. 23.

Messages from Canton indicate that the situation in the East River districts remains unchanged.

Sun Yat-sen's forces so far have not been able to capture Waichow.

It is reported, however, that Cheng Ching-ming and General Lin Fu are no longer on good terms, the latter refusing to send reinforcements from Swatow.

Owing to the lack of help from General Lin Fu, a shortage of provisions at Waichow is expected, and the city may shortly be compelled to capitulate.

The gunboats "Haichang" and "Daiyui" are reported to have steamed out of Foochow on Monday to attack Amoy. The transport "Chenian" with marines on board is expected to follow.

General Tang Chih-ping is endeavouring to hold Amoy with 1,000 troops, but owing to a shortage of provisions and failure to pay his troops, a mutiny is feared.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

CHINA'S PRESIDENCY.

JUBILATION IN CAMP OF TSAO KUN.

PEKING, Aug. 23.

Encouraged by the failure of General Tang Chih-ping at Amoy and also by the declaration by Lu Yung-shang to preserve peace in Chekiang, Tsao Kun's supporters apparently have decided not to lose any time in promoting his election to the position of Chief Executive. His chief propagandist, General Hsing Ping-chi, and Pien Shou-ching are again in Peking, considering ways and means for raising funds for the payment of members of Parliament, while both Houses of Parliament are holding an informal meeting this afternoon to draft a programme of the preliminary steps to be taken by Parliament in connection with the Presidential election.

At the same time, General Wang Ching has left for Mukden in an endeavour to align Paoingfu and Mukden upon the question of the Presidency, and several members of Parliament who proceeded to Shanghai have returned to the capital.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin.*

CHINA'S POLITICS.

PEKING, Aug. 23.

This afternoon's information states that a meeting of the House of Parliament has decided that the preliminary election of the President will be held any day before September 13.

Mr. Ching-shen will consult with the administrative committee of the Senate regarding the matter.—*Reuter.*

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Mantua, (P. & O.) from Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.

Haihong, (Douglas) from Swatow.—Co's Wharf.

Sunli, (Po On) from Macao.—Co's Wharf.

Taksang, (J.M. & Co.) from Swatow.—C33.

Hawaii Maru, (O.S.K.) from Shanghai.—Kowloon Wharf.

Nanchang, (B. & S.) from Hai-phong.—B4.

Jadden, (Pacific Mail) from Honolulu.—B4.

Hwah Kun, (Wanglee) from Saigon.—C14.

Java, (J. Manners) from Balikpapan.—West Point.

Kuiping, (Sing Kee) from Pak-hoi.—C21.

West O'Rowa, (Arnhold) from Zombango.—West Point.

Amherst, (On Fat) from Hoihow.—West Point.

DEPARTURES.

Wingsang, (J. M. & Co.) for Manila.—August 24.

Laisang, (J. M. & Co.) for Singapore.—August 24.

Mantua, (P. & O.) for Shanghai.—August 24.

Haichang, (Douglas & Co.) for Swatow.—August 24.

Hanyang, (B. & S.) for Chefoo.—August 24.

Alipore, (P. & O.) for Singapore.—August 24.

Nanyo Maru, (T. K. K.) for Swatow.—August 24.

Taiqua Maru, (T. K. K.) for Hoihow.—August 24.

Empress of Australia, (C. P. S. Ltd.) for Shanghai.—August 24.

Egremont Castle, (Dodwell) for Manila.—August 24.

Yeiun Maru, (M. B. K.) for Tsingtao.—August 24.

Amakusa Maru, (O. S. K.) for Swatow.—August 24.

Footec, (Chang Kee) for Foochow.—August 24.

Sungshan Maru, (M. B. K.) for Swatow.—August 24.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

COLLECTED DEPARTURE.

CHINA COAST, ETC.

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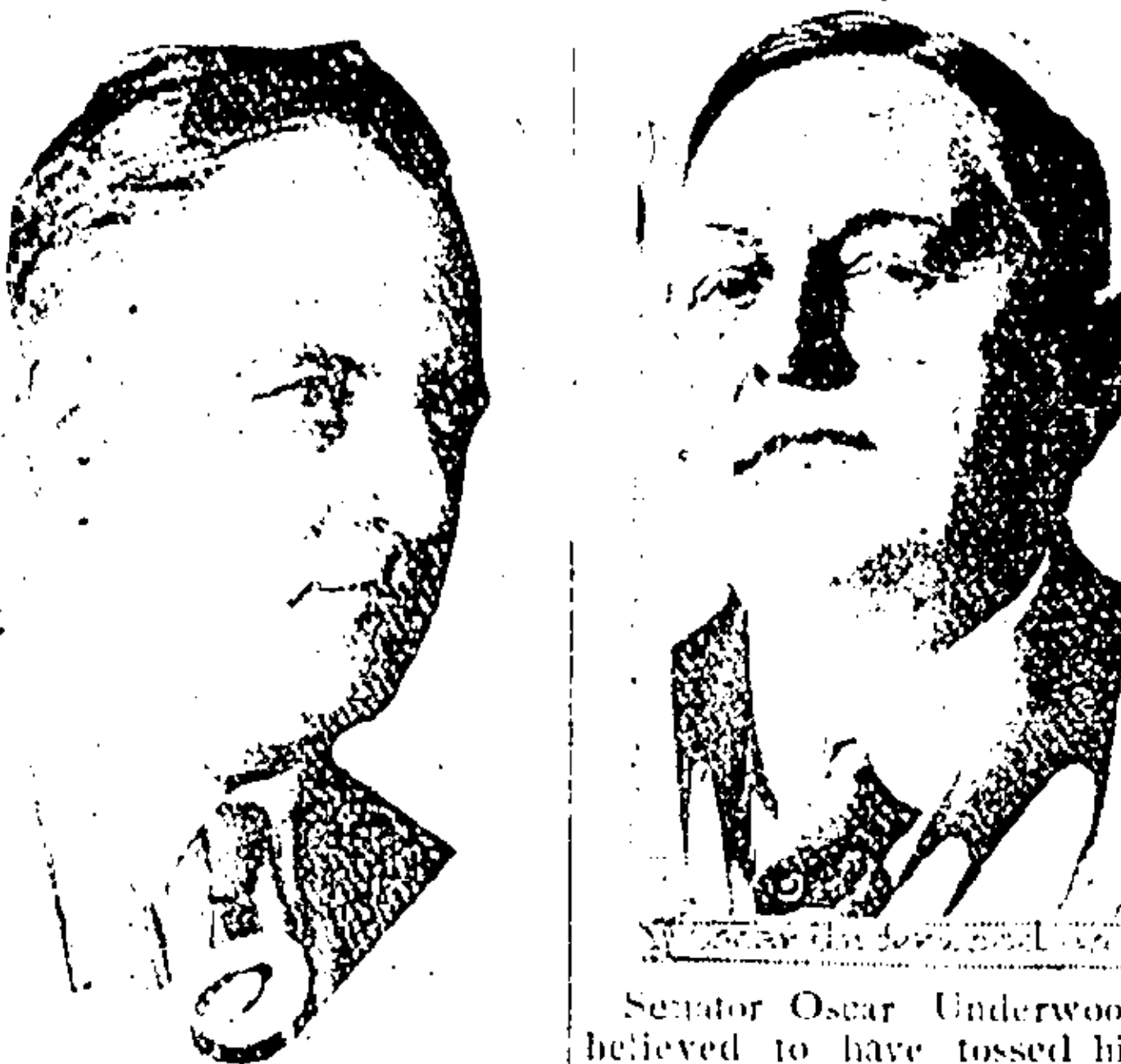
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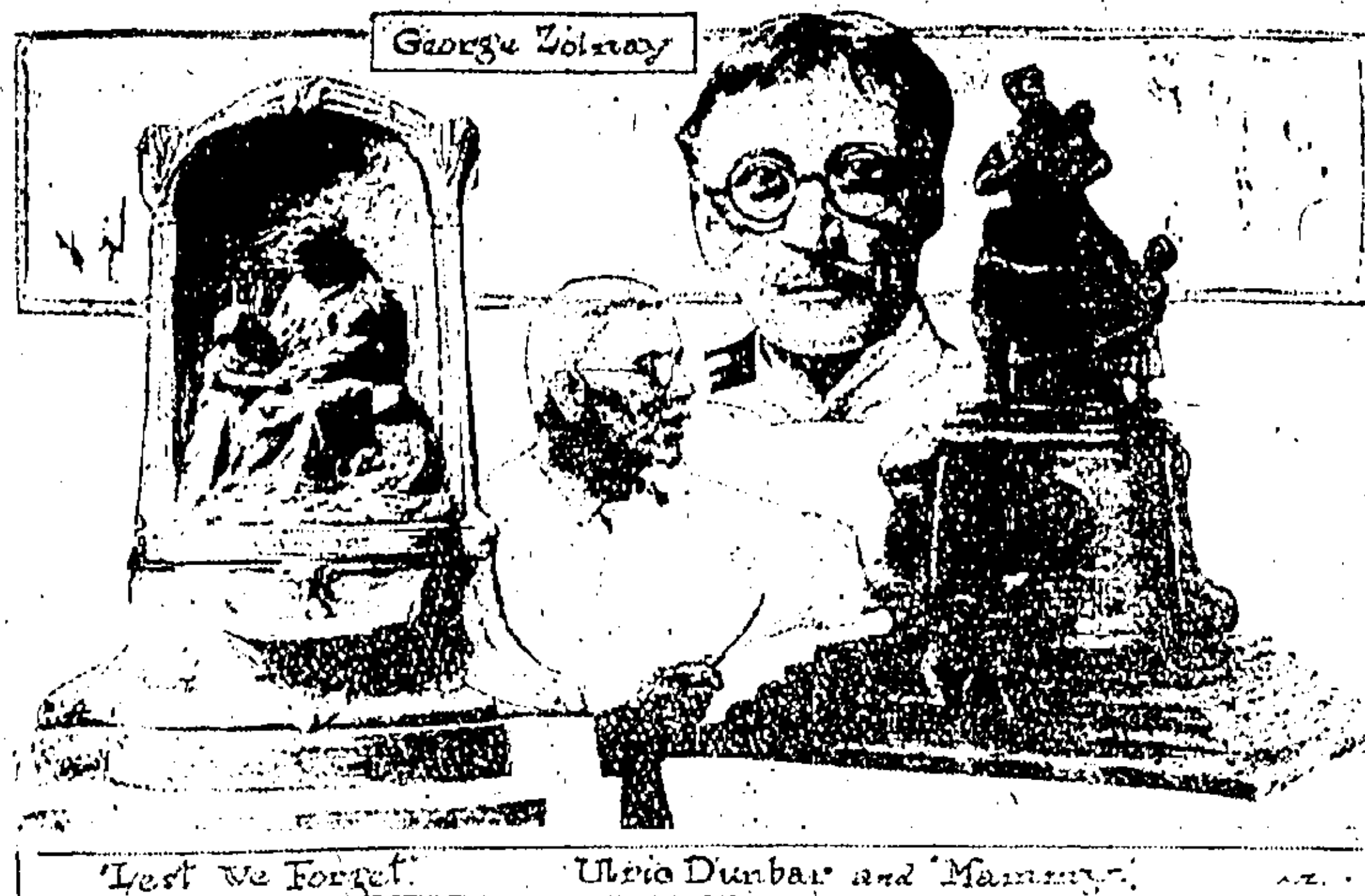
A close-up photograph of a \$1,000,000 oil well fire at Beaumont, Texas.



Bert E. Haney, an attorney, has just taken up his duties as a member of the United States Shipping Board, in Washington, attacking the Harding administration for its alleged "do nothing" policy. Mr. Underwood has just returned from a study of conditions in Europe.



Miss Olive M. Jones, who is likely to be elected President of the National Educational association.



A bitter debate is being waged in Washington (D. C.) art circles over the charge of Ulric S. J. Dunbar, a sculptor, that George Zolnay, another sculptor of note, appropriated his ideas. Sixteen years ago Dunbar modelled his statue to "Mammy," depicting a negro nurse holding her white ward, while others played about her skirts. A few months ago Zolnay produced his model of "Lest We Forget," showing an old negro nurse caring for a white infant, while her own coloured child stood at her side, crying for attention.



When Miss Elsie Lathrop, heiress, became the bride, in London, of R. K. Taylor her bridesmaids all journeyed from the United States to stand with her. In the group are: Miss Cecily Cassely, Miss Sylvia Lathrop, sister of the bride, and Miss Helen Rice. Viscountess de Sibour, formerly Miss Violet Selfridge, daughter of London's merchant prince, was another of the attendants.



Before he sailed for Alaska the late President Harding stopped for a speech in Pocatello, Idaho. The shop workers of the city presented him with a horseshoe for good luck, A. S. Atkins making the presentation speech for his fellow workers.



Here is the latest photograph of Edward W. Bok, who has offered a prize of \$100,000 for the American citizen who brings forward the best practical plan for the co-operation of the United States with the other nations in attaining and preserving world peace.



Mrs. Anna Moscovitz Kross, an Assistant Corporation Counsel in New York City for the past five years, has been appointed General Counsel of the Building and Allied Trades Compensation Bureau, representing 60,000 workers enrolled in 78 unions of the building trades.



Mrs. Rosalee A. Sursell, 56, mother of nine children and grandmother of six, a modest, gray-haired woman, stood among the graduates of the Los Angeles high school and received her diploma with her son, Frank. In the audience was her daughter, Naomi, "baby" of the family, herself a freshman. A desire to keep up with modern education was the reason for her progress through high school.

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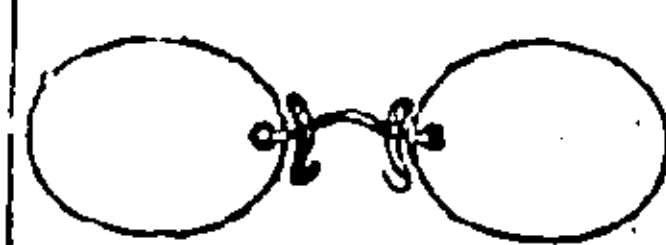
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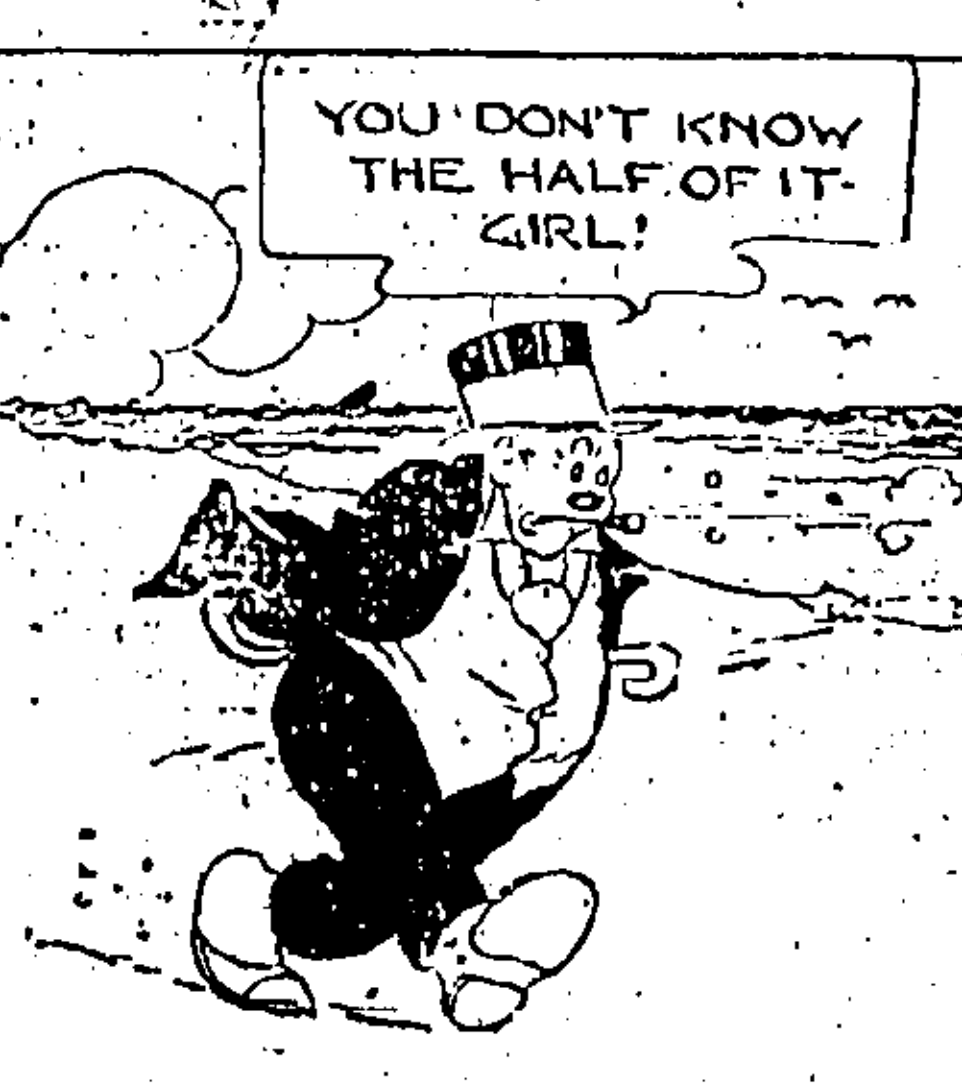
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

FRENCH REPLY.

LONDON, August 23.
The morning papers generally agree in paying a tribute to the friendly tone of the French Note, but the phrase "Poincaré gives nothing" sums up the bulk of the comment.

The Times says frank declarations are a definite advantage, as clearing the air, but it must be admitted the differences between the British and French points of view are still very great. Nevertheless it is earnestly hoped that plain speaking will point the way to a settlement.

The Daily Telegraph declares that the Note leaves things precisely as they were, and indicates no approximation to common ground on which Britain and France can hope to renew deeply desired united action.

The Daily News is of opinion that the reply does not carry the world any nearer a solution, nor does it point the way to rescue Central Europe from ruin. If Poincaré forgets nothing he admits nothing and proposes nothing, he has not proposed less unambiguously already.

The Daily Chronicle concludes that the Note has ended hopes of common action as it does not contain a basis for discussions. It hopes Great Britain will not be drawn into endless controversy. The worst result would be if we neither settle quickly nor part.

The Daily Mail alone takes a favourable view. It declares that the Note gives Great Britain a great opportunity to reach a close understanding whereby the mischief of the past three years can be undone and the Entente restored.

The Daily Express profoundly regrets that the French have not the British proposals in a spirit of inflexible obduracy. M. Poincaré asks for everything and gives nothing. The British Government must now turn back on Europe and leave Europeans to strew in their own path. Great Britain's future resides in the dominions and colonies.

The Westminster Gazette thinks the reply brings Britain and France no nearer a settlement and serves only to demonstrate how impossible it is to reconcile Anglo-French policy. The Note imposes on Britain the duty of facing the necessity of separate action. Further discussion on rigid lines can only weaken the British case and delay a settlement possibly ultimately attainable by other methods.

The Morning Post says it is clear that a common formula has not been reached, but it is to a heart-beat talk between Mr. Baldwin and M. Poincaré rather than an exchange of Notes that we must look for a settlement. The crisis of the situation is that the first step towards a solution lies in a cessation of passive resistance.

The Daily Herald says the Note proves beyond dispute that the French Government remains where it was. Its policy is one of "no change." M. Poincaré's reasoning at points is obviously unsound and as a whole utterly unconvincing.

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.

MADRID, August 23.
The enemy are hardpressed and demoralised at Tifariti, but the Spanish columns will remain encamped in the neighbourhood in case of a resumption of the enemy offensive.

The total Spanish losses at Tifariti are approximately 300 killed and wounded.

Enthusiasm is displayed in Spain at the relief of Tifariti.

RECORD GLIDER FLIGHT.

PARIS, August 22.
In the tests for the record-assisted gliders at Vauville, Barbot flew for 11 hrs. 10 mins. 22 secs. The distance flown was 212 kilometres. Barbot thus provisionally wins the Dreyfus Cup for the longest circular non-stop flight.

HOW MUCH IS YOUR BABY WORTH?

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"BOOKIES" STRIKE

PROTEST AGAINST HIGH RING CHARGES.

At Newcastle races there was a diversion in the shape of a bookmakers' strike—or rather a boycott—for that is what it amounted to.

It appears that the regular habits of the second ring resent the raising of the admission fee to ten shillings. They lodged a protest a year ago and again last week without gaining any satisfaction. Therefore a meeting was held outside the entrance gates and all members of the northern branch of the Bookmakers' and Backers' Association were requested not to use the enclosure.

Pickets were posted after the manner in vogue during trade disputes. The move was so successful—from the protesters' point of view, of course—that the ring and its attendants were left in splendid isolation throughout the afternoon.

There were rumours that unless the charges are reduced to Tattersall's, the bookmakers there being strongly in sympathy with their colleagues of the second enclosure. The officials say that the prices having been fixed, no alteration can be made.

Since the outbreak of the war the majority of telegraph offices on racecourses have been closed, much to the inconvenience of the Press and the public.

Visitors to Newmarket for the first of the July meetings will be glad to learn that the authorities have re-installed the telegraphs on the racecourse on pre-war lines.

PICTURE ROMANCE.

MISTAKE RECALLED BY SALE OF FAMOUS MASTERPIECE.

One of the most important masterpieces of portraiture of the Italian Renaissance figures among the 14 pictures was sold at Christie's on July 13 by direction of the trustees of the Duke of Grafton. It represents Ferry Carondelet and his secretary, and was always held to be the work of the great Raphael until the more scientific methods of modern criticism established the authorship of Sebastiano del Piombo.

In addition to this gem, which is likely to provide a safe-room sensation, the Duke of Grafton's pictures include highly important examples of the art of Van Dyck, Rubens, Reynolds, Palma, Lawrence, Lely, Canaletto and Beccafumi.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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Saitonbu, from Nishikaraten.
Lee Cheng 2303go Eirakuishigini, from Tokyo.
Holm 119 Fraya East, from Yokohama.
Foomo, from Weikawai.
Nam Kee, 56 Des Voeux Road Central, from Amoy.
Pan Lao Chun Kee, Queen's Road, from Shanghai.
Kwokyunzur, Care Great Eastern Hotel, from Shanghai.
Ng Kam Fai, Portland Street, Yaumati, from Amoy.
0111, from Shanghai.
Chang Geo Hin Great Eastern Hotel, from Shanghai.
0035 (2), from Kobe.

N. LUND, Ack. Superintendent.
Hongkong, August 9, 1923.

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List of unclaimed telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office, Hongkong.
Pam Wallace 12 Hollywood Road, from Manila.
Paterson Carlton Hotel (3), from Shanghai.
R. M. MACALPINE, Superintendent.
Hongkong, August 10, 1923.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors to following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

ISLAND.	Feet
Signal Station	1774
Ma Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Taikee Sanatorium	1000
Ma Davis	877
Bowen Ed. (Hillside)	898
MAINLAND.	
Taimoehan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971
Lion Rock	1645
Shatin Pass	1000
Obertons Pass	780
David's Peak	734

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Hongkong, August 24, 1923.

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On demand,	3/3 1/2
30 days sight,	3/3 1/2
4 months sight,	3/3 1/2
Credits, 4 months sight,	3/3 1/2
Documentary 4 months sight,	3/3 1/2
On Paris—	
On demand,	915
Credits, 4 months sight,	915
On Berlin—	
On demand,	nom.
On New York—	
On demand,	514
Credits, 60 days sight,	524
On Bombay—	
Wire,	169
On demand,	169
On Calcutta—	
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On demand,	169
On Singapore—	
On demand,	86 1/2
On Manila—	
On demand,	103
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	nom.
30 days sight (private paper)	104 1/2
On Yokohama—	
On demand,	820 b.
Gold Loan, 100 days (per tag)	1 1/2 p.m.
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	8 1/2 p.m.
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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 24th 1923
OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

Names.	Stock Exchange.	Sharebrokers Association.
Banks.		
H.S.B.C. T.T. selling rate on London	9 3/4	5/1
do. on Shanghai	7 1/4	5/4
Hongkong Bank	1090 b.	b. 1090 sa. 1100
do. New	1090 b.	b. 1090 sa. 1100
East Asia Bank	104 1/2 n.	b. 104 1/2
Marine Insurance		
Canton Insurance	8 1/2 n.	b. 8 1/2
North China Insurance	140 b.	b. 140
Union Insurance	930 b. 231 sa.	b. 231
Insurance Yangtze	827 n.	b. 827
Far Eastern	120 n.	b. 120
Five Insurance		
China Fire Insurance	130 b.	b. 130
Lee Cheng Fire Insurance	470 b.	b. 470
Shipping		
Dongkies	8 1/2 n.	b. 8 1/2
H.K. Steamships	412 b.	b. 412
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 1/2 n.	b. 38 1/2
do. (H.K. Reg.)	130 n.	b. 130
Shell Transport	70 1/2 n.	b. 70 1/2
Star Forties	65 1/2 n.	b. 65 1/2
Refineries		
China Sugar	217 1/2 n.	b. 217 1/2
Malayan Sugar	51 sa.	b. 51
Mineral		
Kailash Mining Adm.	607 b.	b. 607
Langkate	607 b.	b. 607
Shanghai Loans	Comb. T 30 h. 30 1/2 sa.	b. 30 1/2
Shanghai Exchanges	230 b.	b. 230
Randa	5 sa.	b. 5
Tonghai Mining	120 b.	b. 120
Ural Caspian	120 b.	b. 120
Penguet Cor.	120 b.	b. 120
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.		
H. & K. Wharfs	160 b. 159 sa.	b. 159
H. & W. Wharfs	140 b.	b. 140
Shui Dock	282 b.	b. 282
New Engineering	7 b. 7.10 sa.	b. 7
P.K. Engineering	180 b.	b. 180
Shanghai Hongkows	180 b.	b. 180
Lands, Hotels & Buildings		
Hongkong Hotels	260 sa. New 36.60 sa.	(sa. 30.10/1 Now n. 26 sa. 38)
Hongkong Lands	80 b. 87 sa.	sa. 24.10 sa. 24.90
Hampstead	84 b. 25 sa.	b. 84
Kowloon Lands	83 b.	b. 83
Land Reclamations	103 b.	b. 103
Princes Building	111 b.	b. 111
Cotton Mills		
Kwo Cotton Mills Ltd.	T 12.10 b. 12 1/2 sa.	b. 12 1/2
Kung Yike	47 b.	b. 47
Leau Kung Mow	T 47 b. 46 sa.	b. 47 sa. 47.85
Oriental	T 70 b. n. d.	b. 70
Shanghai Cotton	70 b.	b. 70
Yangtze Poot	70 b.	b. 70
Miscellaneous		
Cements	28 1/2 sa.	b. 28 sa. 28
China-Borneo	14.85 b.	b. 14.85 sa. 14.85
China Lights (Old)	14.85 b.	b. 14.85 sa. 14.85
do. (New)	14.85 b.	b. 14.85 sa. 14.85
China Petroleum	22.00 n.	b. 22
China Farms	22.00 n.	b. 22
R.K. Electric	22.00 n.	b. 22
Macao Do.	22.00 n.	b. 22
Hongkong and Canton Do.	41 sa. x.d.	sa. 41
Hongkong Paper	23 sa.	b. 23
Hongkong Tramways	181 b. 74 sa.	b. 181
Peak Tramways (Old)	23 sa.	b. 23
do. (New)	23 sa.	b. 23
Steam Landreids	17 b. 18 sa.	b. 17
H.K. Steel Foundry	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2
Waterworks	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2
Waiwai	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2
Wm. Fowells	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2
Lanco Crawfords	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2
Canton Iron	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2
H.K. Construction	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2
Sincere	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2
Macintosh	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2
H.K. Realty	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2
H.K. Textile	21 1/2 b. 18 sa.	b. 21 1/2

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Reserve Funds ... \$2,500,000

Sterling ... \$2,500,000

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For Current Savings ... @ 4 1/2 %

For Fixed Savings (Regulations obtainable)

CHIU CHU KEH, Manager.

Hongkong, January 10, 1923.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD

TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS

7.00 a.m. to 7.10 a.m. Every 15 Minutes

7.30 " " 7.40 " " " " " "

8.00 " " 8.10 " " " " " "

8.30 " " 8.40 " " " " " "

8.50 " " 9.00 " " " " " "

9.10 " " 9.20 " " " " " "

9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 Minutes

11.30 " " 11.40 " " " " " "

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